

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH). Without objection, it is so ordered.

AMENDING THE OMNIBUS INDIAN ADVANCEMENT ACT

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 338 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 338) to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 338) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 338

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LYTTON RANCHERIA OF CALIFORNIA.

Section 819 of the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act (Public Law 106-568; 114 Stat. 2919) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking “Notwithstanding” and inserting the following:

“(a) ACCEPTANCE OF LAND.—Notwithstanding”;

(2) in the second sentence, by striking “The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“(b) DECLARATION.—The Secretary”; and

(3) by striking the third sentence and inserting the following:

“(c) TREATMENT OF LAND FOR PURPOSES OF CLASS II GAMING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Lytton Rancheria of California may conduct activities for class II gaming (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)) on the land taken into trust under this section.

“(2) REQUIREMENT.—The Lytton Rancheria of California shall not expand the exterior physical measurements of any facility on the Lytton Rancheria in use for class II gaming activities on the date of enactment of this paragraph.

“(d) TREATMENT OF LAND FOR PURPOSES OF CLASS III GAMING.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), for purposes of class III gaming (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)), the land taken into trust under this section shall be treated, for purposes of section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2719), as if the land was acquired on October 9, 2003, the date on which the Secretary took the land into trust.”.

REPEAL OF THE BENNETT FREEZE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 39 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 39) to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, commonly known as the Bennett Freeze.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The bill (S. 39) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 39

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE BENNETT FREEZE.

Section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531 (25 U.S.C. 640d-9(f)) is repealed.

COMMEMORATING 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CZECH REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY, AND REPUBLIC OF POLAND AS MEMBERS OF NATO

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of Senate Resolution 60, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the title of the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 60) commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 60) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 60

Whereas, on March 12, 1999, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Re-

public of Poland formally joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

Whereas, in March 2009, NATO will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland as members of the alliance;

Whereas representatives of the governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland will be in attendance as NATO celebrates its 60th anniversary at a summit to be held on April 4, 2009, in Germany and France;

Whereas the security of the United States and its NATO allies have been enhanced by the integration of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland into the NATO alliance;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland have been integral to the NATO mission of promoting a Europe that is whole, undivided, free, and at peace;

Whereas the membership of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland has strengthened the ability of NATO to perform a full range of missions throughout the world;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland continue to provide crucial support and participation in the NATO International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, as NATO struggles to help the people of Afghanistan create the conditions necessary for security and successful development and reconstruction;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland helped support NATO efforts to stabilize and secure the Balkans region by contributing to the NATO-led Kosovo Force;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and all NATO members share a strong mutual commitment to defense, regional security, development, and human rights, throughout Europe and beyond; and

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland have done much to help NATO meet the global challenges of the 21st century, including the threat of terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, instability caused by failed states, and threats to global energy security: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

(2) congratulates the people of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland on their accomplishments as members of free democracies and partners in European stability and security;

(3) expresses appreciation for the continuing and close partnership between the United States Government and the Governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland; and

(4) urges the United States Government to continue to seek new ways to deepen and expand its important relationships with the Governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland.

COMMEMORATING THE FOUNDING OF THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 75, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 75) commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Philadelphia Zoo: America's first zoo.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.